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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MACAPAGAL FLURRY FADES OUT

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1. EMBASSY HAS GRADUALLY BEEN PICKING UP DETAILS ON SWEEPING EFFORTS PRESIDENT MADE TO KILL MACAPAGAL INITIATIVE FOR INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (INA). VIEW EXTENT HIS ACTIONS THE 70 DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED MACAPAGAL'S LUNCH ARE VERY RESPECTABLE SHOWING.

2. INITIATIVE NEVERTHELESS HAS DIED. AT DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR FEB 26, MACAPAGAL EVADED SUBJECT ALMOST ENTIRELY. SEVERAL OTHER OPPOSITIONISTS TALKED NOT ABOUT INA BUT ON HOW TO GET RID OF PRESIDENT.

3. REASON FOR MACAPAGAL RETREAT PROBABLY DIRECTLY RELATED TO PRESSURES BROUGHT BY PRESIDENT ON HIM. AT LEAST ONE OF PRESSURES MAY BE PRESIDENTIAL THREAT TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST MACAPAGAL AND "OTHERS" FOR "SALTING DOLLARS" ABROAD AND OTHER ACTIVITY AGAINST THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT--ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO EMBASSY. WHETHER MARCOS WOULD ACTUALLY BRING CHARGES IS BESIDES THE POINT SO LONG AS ACCUSED FEEL HE COULD SO ACT.

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